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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:45 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHNNY ISAKSON, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we pause this morning to fix our hearts upon You. Let our trust in Your sovereignty produce a love that will order our system of values. Create in us a desire to serve Your purposes and increase the treasure of Your kingdom.

Bless the Members of this body as they face today's challenges. Make them gentle, yet brave; confident, yet humble; wise, yet uncomplicated. May they meet life with calmness, trouble with fortitude, hate with forgiveness, disloyalty with kindness, and persecution with faith.

We pray in Your holy Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOHNNY ISAKSON led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, June 13, 2006.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHNNY ISAKSON, a

Senator from the State of Georgia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. ISAKSON thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning we have a period of morning business for up to 60 minutes. At the conclusion of morning business, we will return to consideration of the Defense authorization bill. Last night, the chairman called up an amendment that I sponsored along with the Democratic leader, the chairman, and the ranking member. The amendment commends our Armed Forces for the recent events around the Zarqawi death. A vote will occur on that amendment at 12:15 today.

Following that vote, we will recess for our weekly policy luncheons. At 2:15, following the policy meetings, Senators should be seated at their desks for the official photograph of the 109th Congress. Immediately following the picture, there will be a briefing for all Senators, beginning at 2:30, and that briefing will be by Secretary Rice and Secretary Rumsfeld. We will remain in session during that briefing to allow debate on the Mine Safety and Health nomination that we filed cloture on last week. That cloture vote is expected to occur around 3:30 if all debate time is used.

Senators should also be aware that the House is expected to complete their work on the emergency supplemental conference report today. We expect to turn to the supplemental this afternoon when that measure arrives.

### DEATH OF ZARQAWI

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, later this morning, as I mentioned, the Senate will be voting on an amendment to commend the men and women of our Armed Forces for their bravery and skill which led to the death of Zarqawi, who was anointed by Osama bin Laden as the Prince of al-Qaida in Iraq.

Al-Zarqawi was a brutal terrorist and, as we all know, the operational commander of al-Qaida in Iraq. His vicious campaigns of suicide attacks, car bombings, beheadings, assassinations, and abductions was directly responsible for the deaths of many American and coalition troops and thousands of Iraqi security forces and innocent citizens.

He was violently opposed to the new Iraqi democracy and sought to turn Iraq into a safe haven for al-Qaida terrorists.

To achieve this goal, he murdered thousands of innocent Iraqi civilians. He sought to divide the Iraqi people by fomenting sectarian violence and inciting a civil war. His goal was destruction, and he brought only violence and despair. But, finally, after 3 years of eluding capture, justice was brought to Zarqawi.

At approximately 6:15 Baghdad time last Wednesday evening, American forces, acting on intelligence tips from the Iraqi people, attacked Zarqawi's safe house near the city of Baqouba, northeast of Baghdad.

Zarqawi's spiritual adviser and several of their associates were also inside. Less than an hour later, the leading terrorist and No. 1 enemy of freedom in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, was dead.

This is a severe blow for al-Qaida and the terrorist enemy in Iraq. And it marks yet another victory in the global war on terror.

The amendment I offered yesterday, along with a number of my colleagues, commends the courageous men and women of the U.S. military for their

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